

Richard Bennett PTSA 2.3.22
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 10, 2011

I. Sign In

II. Call to Order

Kristin Nash called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
Proper notice was given to members. A quorum was present.

III. President's Welcome

IV. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Brian Daugherty to approve the General Membership Meeting Minutes from April 12, 2011. Motion seconded. Unanimous vote to approve. Motion passed.

V. Piano Presentation/Repair Request – Mr. Panther

- a. The two school pianos can be fixed up to performance level/factory specs. (including tuning) by Gary Fluke, Northwest Pianos for \$1,390.00. The pianos don't look great, but are good and will last. District paid for tuning in the past, but not sure if they will continue. Was tuned last year; should be tuned yearly. Expressed that would be nice to have new pianos in the future, when a new building is built.
- b. Request that the piano in the portable be covered and locked when Boys and Girls club is in session.
- c. A motion was made by Vanessa Harder and seconded by Aaron Coe to approve the repair and tuning of two school pianos for a total of \$1,525.70.

VI. Approval of Revisions to the Standing Rules (see Standing Rules 2011-2012)

- a. Major revisions:
 - i. No longer allow electronic voting
 - ii. Limit Board of Directors' authority to reallocate budget funds to \$2000
 - iii. Minimum of 3 copies of legal documents stored in 3 locations
 - iv. Principle and faculty advisor to the Board not full members, but advisors to the Board

- b. A motion was made by Aaron Coe and seconded by Vanessa Harder to approve the revisions to the Standing Rules. Motion passed.

VII. Treasurer's Report (see Monthly Report)

- a. \$60 of the budget was taken from Environmental Improvements and reallocated to Playground Equipment

VIII. Committee Reports

- a. Curriculum Enhancement Committee
Brian Daugherty summarized and thanked the parent representatives from each grade level for volunteering
- b. Ad Hoc Budget Committee—thank you to those volunteers
- c. Science Week Committee—thank you to Aaron Coe for chairing

IX. Principal's Report – Nicole Hepworth

- a. Grade 3-5 testing taking place
- b. Ramp up field trips; where they go and why
- c. Everyone's busy

X. Teacher/Staff Report – Daveen Cordell

- a. Assessments being done in upper grades; end of year reading assessments being done in primary grades
- b. Thank you for last week's Teacher/Staff Appreciation and for Science Night
- c. 1st Grade – KOMO 4 coming to do a weather forecast and students may be on TV
- d. 1st Grade Team – funding request for teacher workshop
 - i. August 8-12 “Wired for Reading”
Focuses on phonics for kids needing extra help and for those who need extensions.
Mrs. Wing took the course last year and has seen improvements.
Materials stay in the Bennett classroom.
 - ii. \$425 per person = \$1,275.00 total
 - iii. A motion was made by Mary Kay Westmoreland and seconded by Vanessa Swanson to approve the funding for the 1st Grade Team workshop. Motion passed.

XI. New Business

- a. Vote on Slate of Officers for Executive Committee 2011-2012

Kristin Nash – President
Pam Hirsch – VP Fundraising
Brian Daugherty – VP Curriculum Enhancement

Carrie Gortner – VP Community
Liz Dyor – Treasurer
Lara Little – Secretary

Request made for any additional names from the floor.
No additions.

Motion made by Vanessa Harder to approve the Slate of Officers for Executive Committee 2011-2012 as it stands. Motion passed.

b. Talent Show 2011-2012

- i. Vanessa Swanson – possible changes for next year?
One option: “Book It” where students put on a play and all kids would get a part
- ii. Nicole Hepworth – from the teaching end, tough having the performance during school hours; was too long this year; maybe split or have evening performance next year.
- iii. Kristin Nash – next chair can connect with Vanessa S. and work out details in September
- iv. Budget for Talent Show 2011-2012 is \$150.00

c. Vote on Working Budget 2011-2012 (see budget documents)

- i. Budget Committee is a new committee to plan for next year:
 - Aaron Coe
 - Liz Dyor
 - Brian Daugherty
 - Lynne Daugherty
 - Vanessa Harder
 - Nicole HepworthCommittee will continue for a couple of years
- ii. Budget populated by asking committee heads from the past year, etc.; transparent; all items pre-approved
- iii. Rolling over \$130,000, \$32,000 for next school year plus Walkathon and Spring Auction
Note from Brian Daugherty that we need to watch that we don't spend too much
- iv. Budget Breakdown:
 - Curriculum Enhancement – largest portion of budget
 - PTSA Administration –operation expenses
 - Community
 - Mini Grants – NEW, Brian Daugherty chairing
For random things that come up (teachers, parents, community can apply), under \$2,000 committee can approve, over \$2,000 must go to Gen. Mem.
 - Library

- Bennett Building Fund – NEW, flat out amount to supplement the existing Building Fund; an in kind donation
- v. Curriculum Enhancement details –
 Brian Daugherty & Nicole Hepworth
 (See Curriculum Enhancement View by Grade Level and Budget)
- Start of next school year 2011-2012, most classes will get two online subscriptions for math and/or reading:
 - Dreambox
 - IXL Math
 - Raz Kids
 - A suggestion is to give parents log-ons at curriculum night
- vi. Misc. Budget topics – Sharon Jones
- Reader board tabled until next school year
 - Safety and use of property on weekends and after hours
- vii. A motion was made by Lara Little and seconded by Aaron Coe to approve the 2011-2012 Proposed Temporary Operating Budget. Unanimous vote to approve. Motion passed.

XII. Announcements

- a. Volunteer Appreciation on June 10th
 Nominations for awards due by Friday, May 13th
- b. 1460 update? – Mary Kay Westmoreland
 Committee making a decision in June. \$26,000 has been set aside in the PTSA Budget 2011-2012 for Instructional Support.
- c. Crosswalks – Vanessa Swanson
 Suggested a notice from the principle regarding parents crossing in different places, making it hard for the crossing guards.

XIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.